

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Gerard James Hayes	)	
Serial No.:	10/710,864	)	
Filing Date:	August 9, 2004	)	Confirmation No. 7977
Attorney Docket:	U04-0063.090	)	
Art Unit:	1775	)	
Examiner:	Ling X. Xu	)	
Title:	REDUCTION OF NEAR-FIELD E-M	)	
	SCATTERING USING HIGH IMPEDANCE	)	
	COATING	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This reply by Applicants is in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2006.  
Please amend the application as follows.

There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.